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## **JURY CONVICTS THREE MEN, ONE WOMAN FOR MURDER AT FORT LEONARD WOOD**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three men and a woman were convicted by a federal jury today for the murder of Brian Adams during a robbery at the Fort Leonard Wood Army base.

**William R. Boone II**, 31, an inmate in federal custody; **Jerome Creighton**, 27, an inmate in state custody; **Kelvin Washington**, 21, of New Jersey; and **Barbara L. Turner**, 30, of St. Robert, Mo.; were found guilty on all counts of a federal indictment at the conclusion of a trial that began March 1, 2004. Jurors deliberated about nine hours over two days before returning a guilty verdict to U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon.

On December 13, 2001, Brian Adams was killed during a robbery at the Davis Club at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. **Boone** and **Washington** entered the club after it closed, tied the hands of Adams and an employee of the club, then shot and killed Adams. They also threatened another woman, Graves said, by placing a shotgun in her mouth.

According to evidence presented during the trial, **Turner**, manager of the NCO club at the Fort, arranged for **Washington**, an enlisted serviceman at the Fort, to be working at the Davis Club on the night of the robbery. **Turner** cashed a check which was to be used for the Super Bingo Night promotion at the Davis Club, Graves said, causing the proceeds from that check to be stored in the safe at the Davis Club so that **Boone**, **Creighton** and **Washington** could steal the proceeds during the robbery. **Turner** provided the combination to the safe at the Davis Club to **Boone**, **Creighton** and **Washington**. **Washington** opened the door to the Davis Club, Graves said, so that **Creighton** and **Boone** could enter the club.

The defendants were originally charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury on December 11, 2002. A superseding indictment was returned on Jan. 9, 2003, adding an additional count that charges **Turner** with attempting to kill two law enforcement

officers at the time of her arrest. In addition to the original charges, the jury also found **Turner** guilty of attempted manslaughter.

Graves explained that **Turner** was arrested in Pulaski County, Mo., on December 11, 2002. Following her arrest, **Turner** was handcuffed and placed in the rear seat of an FBI vehicle for transport to the Green County jail. While enroute, Graves said, **Turner** managed to free herself from the seat belt and lunged over the back seat of the FBI vehicle, grabbing the steering wheel. The FBI vehicle, which Graves said was traveling about 70 miles per hour, struck the tractor trailer truck, causing extensive damage to the vehicle and injuring a sheriff's deputy who was assisting the FBI agent.

Count One of the federal indictment charges the defendants with killing Adams by shooting him in the perpetration of a robbery.

Count Two of the federal indictment charges the defendants with taking money from Adams and from employees of the Davis Club at Fort Leonard Wood by use of force, violence and intimidation.

Count Three of the federal indictment charges the defendants with using a shotgun during the robbery, causing the murder of Adams.

Count Four of the federal indictment charges each of the defendants with being involved in the conspiracy to commit the robbery and to carry a firearm in the commission of that robbery. Count Four cites 22 overt acts taken by the defendants in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy.

Count Five of the federal indictment charges **Turner** with attempting to kill an FBI agent and a Pulaski County, Mo., deputy sheriff while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

Under federal statutes, each of the defendants are subject to mandatory life sentences in federal prison without parole. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys David C. Jones and Richard E. Monroe, and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Tonya Blackwell. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Army Criminal Investigation Division.

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